HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH) (a) No. Sir.

(b) The existing Recruitment, Promo tion & Seniority Rules had been circulat ed at the draft stage amongst the Offi cers' Association and Unions. The com ments/reactions received in response thereto were kept in view while finalis ing and notifying these Rules, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(c) The existing rules which were no tified o_n 4. 3. 1985 take care of overall benefits of the employees of ITDC. In keeping with the instructions issued by the Government on the subject from time fo time the rules are/will be amended as and when required.

Benefits to farmers due to declaration of coconut as oilseed

1115. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut have been declared as oil-seed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits to be received by the coconut growers due to this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No notification has been issued. We have informed all the State Governments and U. Ts. and other concerned agencies vide Department's letter No. 14-21/87-CA. I (HA) dated. 15-10-90, p. bout the decisions of the Union Government to declare coconut as an oil seed of tree origin. '

(c) During the current year no additional benefits will accrue to the coconut growers on account of it being declared as an oil seed. However, the programmes taken up for development of coconut by the Coconut Development Board during 1990-91 are detailed in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix CLVI. Annexure No. 28J

Allotment of special quota of rice etc. to Kerala

1116. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased t_0 state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any special quota of rice, sugar and palm oil for Kerala considering the Christmas season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

TH_E MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSS-AIN): (a) and (b) No specific additional allocations of rice and sugar have been made. STC has supplied one rake of palmolein to Kerala Government in December 1990.

Allotment of rice to Kerala

1117. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rice allocation for Kerala; and

(b) the details of the rice allotted to Kerala from November, 1989 to November, 1990 month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF $STAT_E$ IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUS-SAIN): (a) The allocation of rice to Kerala fo_r the month of January, 1991 is L42, 50'0 tonnes. " '

The month-wise allocation of rice to Kerala from November, 1989 *to* November 1990 has been as follows: -

	(In lakh tonnes)
November, 1989	1. 25
December, 1989	1. 00
January, 1990	1. 00
February, 1990	1. 25
March, 1990	1. 25
April, 1990	1. 25
May, 1990	1. 25
June, 1990	1. 25
July, 1990	1. 35
August, 1990	1. 55
September, 1990	1. 35
October, 1990	1. 45@
November, 1990	1. 45 @

Rchabilitation plans for units of HFC

1118 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government had rejected the Rs. 600 crores rehabilitation plans for 3 units, of the public, sector HFC limited;

(b) if so. what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had asked to reduce the plan, and

(d) if so, to what extent; and whether Government propose to review the HFC units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) to (d) As recommended by the consultants, Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation had submitted a plan for revamping the operating units of HFC (except Namrup-III) at estimated cost of Rs. 486 crores, which was updated to Rs. 604 crores in February, 1990. This has not been rejected; however, in view of the high investment involved

(including adhoc allocation of 10, 000 tonnes for festival season.

constraint of resources, and the fact that technologically the plants cannot be upgraded, Government asked HFC for alternative plans involving reduced outlay. No final decision has been taken on the various proposals.

Setting up of fertilizers plant by USSR

1119. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Soviet Union has shown its keen interest in setting Up of fertili zers plants in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) what are the cities where these plants would be set up; and

(d) what would be the total expenditure involved in each plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Concessions and grants to farmers

1120. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether any concessions or grants were, offered by Government at Sisauli in Uttar Pradesh in second week of December, 1990 which would place the burden of Rs. 100 crores on Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such concessions would also be made available to farmer in other paits of the country, and

(c) whether the announcement for concession was made instantly or after a deliberate consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL . VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH); (a) No concessions were announced by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.